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The proposed settlement with Microsoft represents a failing of the DOJ to do its job. The settlement should be much more than the weak, inconsequential, easy to subvert items proposed.

Microsoft has done much, many times to damage companies and innovation though its monopoly tactics. The current case represents prosecution of only a fraction of the many cases that could have been brought. This was a significant instance of those many cases. They have been found guilty. They are a Monopoly. Because of the cost of bringing this case to trial and conclusion and the likelihood that the cost of further cases will be prohibitive, the punishment for this case should be the maximum allowable. Like stopping Al Capone on Income Tax evasion, this case represents a one time chance to stop major criminal activity.

The current settlement will do little to stop Microsoft's inappropriate approach to business. They will be allowed to continue to ruthlessly damage anyone who dares attempt to compete with them. They will be allowed to continue to do much damage to the industry as a whole. The settlement must be rejected and a more appropriate remedy found.

Please stop this travesty and find remedies that aren't a joke. Please remember that the anti-trust laws are designed to protect the many simple citizens like me from the damage done by predatory businesses like Microsoft. I will remember how this administration chooses to balance that scale of justice when I next visit the ballot box.

Thanks for this opportunity to comment.

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